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SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, does Lincoln...Lincoln...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So Lincoln is not rewarded. Lincoln gets the same amount of money either way.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Are the other cities rewarded?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Nobody is rewarded. They're all punished, frankly, because we're cutting them all by \$6 million,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Out of four...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...but they're all cut equally.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Out of LB 470 (sic) they're subtracted \$520,000 from that, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Out of LB 407, Senator?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There is...yes, there is subtracted the \$520,000, the same amount that they pick up in MIRF on the other bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hum. Okay. And it's...and I think, I think if I listen to Senator Thompson, from her comments, is that what she's saying to the body, let's cut (laugh) let's cut the biblical cord right now, you know, because maybe in two years we won't be able to do this anyway, and why are we just holding false promises out to the city? Is that, Senator Thompson, is that kind of...she's saying, yes, that's what she means by that. You know, it's really ironic, I think, we really don't get any credit back home for aid that we give to the cities, the schools or any of the other places. I was visiting with a former mayor, Senator Mines, but that's, you know, when we start to cut then they get upset with us, but when we give it to them that's, well, we should have done it...we should have done more. So (laugh) it's a...we're kind of in an interesting position because we're...and then we try to, you know, we try